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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Tariff Filing to Introduce BellSouth 25¢ Call
Plan Service*
Docket No. 98-00307

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of the Issues Matrix requested by the Hearing Officer. AT&T's comments have been incorporated. MCI has decided to withdraw from this proceeding. Sprint was given the opportunity to comment on BellSouth's draft Issues Matrix, but submitted no comments.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

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ISSUES MATRIX

<i>Issue</i>		<i>Position of the Parties</i>	
	<i>BellSouth</i>	<i>AT&T</i>	
1. Should BellSouth's tariff to introduce its 25¢ Call Plan service as an option for residential subscribers be approved by the Authority?	Yes. BellSouth's tariff filing complies with Tennessee law and would increase customer choice and result in lower costs for certain customers.	No	
2. Is a hearing before the Authority necessary?	No, particularly in light of the TRA's recent approval of BellSouth's LATA-wide Area Plus® Tariff. In Alabama, AT&T and Sprint agreed that a hearing was not necessary to consider a similar tariff filing. In Mississippi, AT&T and Sprint, the only intervenors, agreed that a hearing was not necessary.	No	

<i>Issue</i>		<i>Position of the Parties</i>	
	<i>BellSouth</i>	<i>AT&T</i>	
3. Does BellSouth's tariff constitute an anticompetitive practice within the meaning of T.C.A. § 65-5-208(c)?	No. BellSouth's tariff is not anticompetitive for the same reasons recently articulated by the Authority in Docket 98-00634 (BellSouth's LATA-wide Area Plus® tariff).	Yes	
4. Does BellSouth's tariff unreasonably and unjustly discriminate against non-BellSouth Tennessee customers and unduly prefer BellSouth customers in violation of T.C.A. §§65-4-115, 65-4-122 and 65-5-204, when combined with BellSouth's refusal to reduce its access charges in Tennessee to cost?	No. BellSouth's tariff is not discriminatory and would not result in an undue preference for the same reasons recently articulated by the Authority in Docket 98-00634 (BellSouth's LATA-wide Area Plus® tariff).	Yes	
5. Has BellSouth met its burden of proof that the prices for its 25¢ Call Plan service adhere to the price floor requirement set forth in T.C.A. § 65-5-208(c)?	BellSouth's tariff prices comply with the price floor requirements for the same reasons recently articulated by the Authority in Docket 98-00634 (BellSouth's LATA-wide Area Plus® tariff).	No	

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Position of the Parties</i>	
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<p>6. Has BellSouth met its burden of proof that the prices for its 25¢ Call Plan service do not exceed the stand alone cost of the service, as required by T.C.A. § 65-5-208(c)?</p>	<p>BellSouth's tariff prices do not exceed the stand alone cost of the service for the same reasons recently articulated by the Authority in Docket 98-00634 (BellSouth's LATA-wide Area Plus® tariff).</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>7. Has BellSouth met its burden of proof under T.C.A. § 65-5-203 that any increase, change or alteration in its rates as a result of its proposed 25¢ Call Plan service are just and reasonable?</p>	<p>BellSouth's tariff rates are just and reasonable for the same reasons recently articulated by the Authority in Docket 98-00634 (BellSouth's LATA-wide Area Plus® tariff).</p>	<p>No</p>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 22, 1999, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record via facsimile, overnight, or US Mail, postage prepaid:

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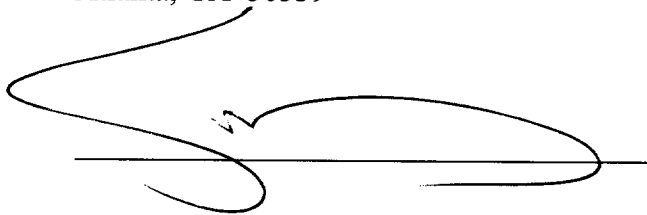
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